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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY SANA

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-2

TAGS: PFOR, PINR, MU, US, UR

SUBJECT: SOVIET WEAPONS PROVIDED TO PDRY

REFERENCE: SANA 1201

1. FOLLOWING IS CURRENT INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY ESTIMATE  
OF SOVIET WEAPONS PROVIDED TO PDRY. IT IS FOR EMBASSY  
INFORMATION ONLY.

2. THE USSR CONTINUES TO BE THE PRINCIPAL ARMS SUPPLIER  
OF THE ADEN REGIME, AND HAS DELIVERED ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT  
SINCE LAST SUMMER. WE DO NOT HAVE ACCURATE ESTIMATES OF  
THE TYPES AND QUANTITY OF THE NEW EQUIPMENT. CHANGES IN  
OUR ESTIMATES OF LAST AUGUST REFLECT OUR REAPPRAISAL OF  
EXISTING INVENTORIES AND NOT NECESSARILY THE ARRIVAL OF  
NEW EQUIPMENT. CURRENT ESTIMATES OF MAJOR EQUIPMENT  
SUPPLIED BY THE SOVIETS FOLLOW:

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2 SUB CHASERS

2 TORPEDO BOATS

2 PATROL BOATS

1 UTILITY LANDING CRAFT

3 MECHANIZED LANDING CRAFT

2 MECHANIZED LANDING SHIP

AIR FORCE

MIG 15/MIG 17 MORE THAN 20

MIG 21 MORE THAN 20

IL-28 " 8

TRANSPORTS " 8

HELICOPTERS " 12

ARMY

APC MORE THAN 110

TANKS MORE THAN 250

MOTOR VEHICLES OVER 800

ARTILLERY

AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY ABOUT 90

UNDER 100 MM ABOUT 70

OVER 100 MM MORE THAN 50

3. THERE ARE REPORTEDLY MORE THAN 200 SOVIET MILITARY ADVISORS THROUGHOUT THE PDRY COMMAND STRUCTURE. MORE THAN 500 PDRY MILITARY PERSONNEL HAVE GONE TO THE SOVIET UNION FOR TRAININGS AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER.

4. SHOULD EMBASSY DESIRE FURTHER INFORMATION, DAO SHOULD REQUEST FROM DIA. KISSINGER

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